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This is Arson Awareness Week 2007 Vehicle Arson: Who Pays for this Crime?

Prevent vehicle Arson by: Parking your car in a well-lit area, Use a secure parking lot for extended periods, Close all windows, Remove the key from the ignition, Always lock doors, trunk, and tailgate, Use antitheft devices and Report abandoned cars to the police.

Whenever we hear the word **ARSON**, someone is a victim. The victim may be:

- A person that was trapped by the fire,
- A person that has lost their place to live,
- A person that has lost their place to work,
- A person that has lost their personal property,
- A community that lost taxable property and
- We all pay higher insurance premiums.

“ARSON IS NOT A VICTIMLESS CRIME”.

There are many victims from ARSON. The fire listed below has affected many victims, This fire was on November 30, 1998, at 220 Pine Street in Manchester, The fire was **ARSON**,

- This **ARSON** claimed the life of Vietnam Veteran Alan Pineau,
- This **ARSON** destroyed peoples place to live,
- This **ARSON** destroyed a persons income property,
- This **ARSON** destroyed peoples personal property,
- This **ARSON** destroyed taxable property and
- This **ARSON** affects insurance loss premiums.

Call Manchester Crime Line 642-4040 with information on this arson.

Prevent arson by reducing combustible materials in and around buildings. Keep exterior of buildings well lit and clear of obstructions so police officers on patrol can see the building.

Remember **“ARSON IS NOT A VICTIMLESS CRIME”.** Call your local police or the Arson Hotline 1-800-400-3526 with information on any arson.

For more information on Arson Awareness Week go to
http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/fireservice/subjects/arson/arson_awareness.shtm